SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: (Rajasthan): We want Question Hour ....*(Interruptions)*..

**श्री सभापति:** तो फिर आप बैठिए।...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I have already given a notice...*(Interruptions)*...

**श्री सभापति:** वही तो मैंने इनसे पूछा है।...(**व्यवधान**)...बोलिए, आप तो बोलिए।...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, this is a matter ....*(Interruptions)*...

**प्रो॰ राम देव भंडारी** (बिहार): सर, क्वैश्चन आवर चलाइए।... (**व्यवधान**)...क्वैश्चन आवर चलाइए, सर।...(**व्यवधान**)...

**श्री सभापति:** सदन की कार्यवाही 12 बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

### Revival plan for sick fertilizers units

*181. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALAND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working on a proposal to revive eight sick or closed public sector fertilizer factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and estimated time frame alongwith the cost for the revival;

(c) whether the revival of these factories will be sufficient to meet the growing demand of fertilizers in the country; and

(d) if not, in what way Government propose to meet the excess demand?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The following units of fertilizers Public Sector Undertakings are closed:

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| (i) | The Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. | Talcher<br>Korba<br>Ramagundam<br>Sindhri<br>Gorakhpur |
| (ii) | Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. | Durgapur<br>Haldia<br>Barauni |
| (iii) | Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. | Amjhor<br>Dehradun<br>Saladipura |

Government is exploring the possibilities of revival of the closed units of fertilizers Public Sector Undertakings. Since the matter is at an exploratory stage, the details are not worked out, in respect of the closed units.

The sick units of fertilizers Public Sector Undertakings are Fertilizer and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) and Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL). In respect of sick unit of FACT, a financial restructuring package has been sanctioned, and the possibilities of revival of MFL are under examination.

(c) to (d) while, in the event of revival, these units will contribute to fertilizer supply, other measures, such as debottlenecking/expansion/Joint Ventures abroad/Modernization are expected to take care of future demand.

**Malaria control in North Eastern Region**

*182 SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMINLY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has established a wing at Guwahati to control/fight malaria epidemic affecting the lives of the people of North Eastern States every year resulting in loss of lives of poor villagers;